in getting possession of their own house to live at the fag end of their life, especially after the retirement from Government and other jobs, because of the'provisions under Delhi Rent Control Act and such Acts applicable to other metropoli-, tan cities;

(b) if so, whether Government propose ' to amend different Rent Control Acts of various metropolises, if so, by when;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and at what stage the draft legislation in respect of Delhi stands at present?

, THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): ' (a) Representations to this effect are being re ceived.

- *(by* and (c) Rent Control being a State subject, the amendment of the Rent Control Acts applicable *to* various metropolises, ʳother than Delhi, is the concern o£ the respective State Governments, so far as amendment of Delhi Rent Control Act is concerned, the matter; is under active censideraion of Government.

Drinking water In Government Colony, VasantVihar

787. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: ' Will the Minister, of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) the estimated quantity of water re quired by the residents of Government Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;.

(b) the quantity of water promised be supplied by the MCD.

(e) the quatity of water actually-being supplied, by the MCD;

(d) whether it. is a fact that the water Is being supplied at present is'not pure 'und notable and the water tanks are also, dirty; and

(e) the steps taken to meet the problem' of short-supply of pure drinking water?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI. DALBIR SINGH): (a) About 4 lac gallons per day for a population of 6615 persons.

(b) Two lac gallons per day.

(c) For the present'population of about 2000 persons, about 60, 000 gallons of water is'being supplied. In addition 3-tubeweUs have been commissioned recently to augment this supply.

(d) No, Sir, water is being tested perio-dically and reports, are satisfactory.

(e) Full requirement of this colon} is expected to be met with the completion of Booster Pumping Station at Deer Pari by the end of 1988.

Per capita culSvable land

788. SHRI KALPNATH RAI.. " SHRIMATI SUDHA VDAY JOSHI:

. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state'; '-

(a) what was the per capita cultivable land when the country attained Indepen-. 'dence;

(b) what is the per capita cultivable land, at present; and

(c). whether there is any decline in the per capita cultivable land and if vof the Reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE-IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOG-* ENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The per capita cultivable land in the country during l$5u-5t, when comparable-information had-become available for most of the States, was estimated at 0. 52 hectares, and during 1983-84 (latest year "for which land use statistics have become available), it was 0. 25 hectares.

(o) The decline in per capita cultivable . land is mainly due to increase in population and ᵃlˢᵒ to marginal decline in total cultivable area because o fincreased use